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FOR: NEW ANTIVIRAL LIPOPETIDES, AND A METHOD OF
INACTIVATING LIPID-ENVELOPED VIRUSES USING LIPOPETIDESAMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 20, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 20, 2000, the following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:Page 31, replace "Claims:" with --What is claimed is--.IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of inactivating lipid-enveloped viruses in biological [or biotechnological] products, in serum-free cell cultures or in serum-containing cell cultures, [characterized in that the products or cell cultures are added with a] which comprises

providing a cyclic lipopeptide, a salt of the lipopeptide, an ester of the lipopeptide,
or a mixture thereof;